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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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Examiner:
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PCT/EP00/10842

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For: AUTOMATIC CONTRAST FOCUSSING WITH THREE OPTICAL PATHS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTHonorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Before calculation of the filing fee, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

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